

**PRICE OF MONEY: CONSEQUENCES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE'S ZERO INTEREST RATE POLICY**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Domestic Monetary Policy and Technology held a hearing entitled "The Price of Money: Consequences of the Federal Reserve's Zero Interest Rate Policy". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**DHS ACQUISITION MANAGEMENT CHALLENGES: SOLUTIONS FOR SAVING TAXPAYER DOLLARS**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Management held a hearing entitled "DHS Acquisition Management Challenges: Solutions for Saving Taxpayer Dollars". Testimony was heard from John Hutton, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office; Nick Nayak, Chief Procurement Officer, Department of Homeland Security; Mark Borkowski, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Technology Innovation and Acquisition, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; and Karen Shelton Waters, Assistant Administrator, Office of Acquisition, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security.

**BREAKING THROUGH THE BACKLOG: EVALUATING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE NEW STATE STRIKE FORCE TEAM**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing entitled "Breaking Through the Backlog: Evaluating the Effectiveness of the New State Strike Force Team". Testimony was heard from Eliseo "Al" Cantu, Chair, Texas Veterans Commission; James O. Richman, Director, Claims Representation and Counseling, Texas Veterans Commission; Steve Her-

nandez, County Veterans Service Officer, McLennan County, Texas; and Diana Rubens, Deputy Under Secretary for Field Operations, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**EXAMINING THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE MEDICARE ADVANTAGE (MA) PROGRAM AND OTHER HEALTH PLANS**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Examining the Current Status of the Medicare Advantage (MA) Program and Other Health Plans". Testimony was heard from James Cosgrove, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

***Joint Meetings***

No joint committee meetings were held.

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**NEW PUBLIC LAWS**

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D832-833)

H.R. 6336, to direct the Joint Committee on the Library to accept a statue depicting Frederick Douglass from the District of Columbia and to provide for the permanent display of the statue in Emancipation Hall of the United States Capitol. Signed on September 20, 2012. (Public Law 112-174)

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2012**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

**Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

**House**

No hearings are scheduled.